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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the allowable subject matter of Claim 1, 8-18, and 20. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 8-18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully notes that the above rejection has been avoided in view of the amendments made to the claims hereinabove.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. Applicants are enclosing a check to pay for the added claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P254/01.001.01).

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